

## **National Weather Service** Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



December 1997 Time Local/ Path Length Path Number of Estimated Width Persons Damage **SOUTH DAKOTA, West** SDZ024 Northern Black Hills 0100MST 0 0 **Heavy Snow** An upslope snow event resulted in snowfall amounts of 6 inches in the northern Black Hills SDZ001>002-012>014-Harding - Perkins - Butte - Meade Co. Plains - Ziebach - Northern Foot Hills - Central Foot Hills - Southern Foot Hills -025>027-029>032-Southern Black Hills - Custer Plains - Pennington Plains - Haakon - Fall River Co. - Shannon - Jackson - Bennett - Mellette 041>044-046>047-049 - Todd - Tripp 27 28 1300MST 0230MST Winter Storm Northern Black Hills - Central Black Hills SDZ024-028 1300MST 0430MST 0 0 27 28 Heavy Snow A strong low pressure system moved through the Northern Plains resulting in snow, very gusty winds, and below zero wind chills. The areas hit hardest by the storm were the northern and central Black Hills. Snow amounts in these areas ranged from four to eight inches. Elsewhere snow amounts were one to two inches, but combined with wind gusts over 50 mph visibilities were occasionally reduced to less than one half mile. SDZ024-028 Northern Black Hills - Central Black Hills 29 30 1800MST 0500MST 0 Winter Storm An upper level disturbance moved over the central and northern Black Hills and produced upslope freezing rain and snow, below zero wind chills, and strong winds. Snow amounts were six to eight inches. Northwest winds of 15 to 30 mph resulted in below zero wind chills and blowing snow reducing visibilities to less than one half mile. WYOMING, Northeast WYZ054>056 Gillette - South Campbell - Moorcroft 1200MST 0100MST 27 28 Winter Storm Wyoming Black Hills - Weston WYZ057>058 1200MST 0100MST 0 0 **Heavy Snow** A strong low pressure system moved through the Northern Plains resulting in snow, very gusty winds, and below zero wind chills. The area hit hardest by the storm was extreme northeast Wyoming. Snow amounts in this area ranged from four to eight inches.

Elsewhere snow amounts were one to two inches but combined with wind gusts over 50 mph visibilities were occasionally reduced to less than one half mile.

**WYZ057 Wyoming Black Hills** 

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An upper level disturbance moved through extreme northeast Wyoming and produced upslope freezing rain and snow over the Wyoming Black Hills. Snow amounts were four to six inches. Northwest winds of 15 to 30 mph resulted in below zero wind chills and blowing snow reducing visibilities to less than one half mile.